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- 1. AT APRIL 18 SESSION OF ECOSOC'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR RULED THAT AS A RESULT OF PRIOR PLENARY DECISION, SOCIAL COMMITTEE WOULD NOT VOTE ON RESOLUTION "G" IN REPORT OF COMMISSION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS RE ADEQUATE PRIORITY FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL. INSTEAD PLENARY WOULD CONSIDER RESOLUTION LATER IN SESSION IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET.
- 2. US GAVE STRONG SUPPORT BOTH IN CND AND SOCIAL COMMISSION TO THIS RESOLUTION WHICH REQUESTS SYG IN PREPARING BUDGETS UNCLASSIFIED

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"TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE RESOURCES REQUESTED FOR

THE COMPETENT UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND THEIR SECRETARIATS." THE DELEGATION IS REQUESTED TO REITERATE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION IN THE ECOSOC PLENARY AND TO CANVASS THESE MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO STRONGLY SUPPORT UN ACTIVITIES IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD AND BELIEVES ADEQUATE RESOURCES SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO THESE EFFORTS. PART OF THE

EXPENSES FOR UN NARCOTICS CONTROL IS DEVOTED TO SUPPORTING SECRETARIAT OF INCB. WE BELIEVE THAT IN RECENT YEARS INCB HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORT OF UN OBJECTIVES. INCLUDED IN SYG'S REQUEST IS PROVISION FOR UPGRADING POST OF SECRETARY OF INCB FROM D1 TO D2. WE BELIEVE THIS IS WARRANTED NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE BOARD HAS PLAYED IN RECENT YEARS BUT BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT NEW RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THE BOARD WILL ASSUME WHEN THE AMENDING PROTOCOL COMES INTO EFFECT. (CURRENTLY THE PROTOCOL LACKS ONLY TWO ACCESSIONS TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE.) THE SECRETARY ALSO PROVIDES THE STABILIZING FACTOR IN THE BOARD'S OPERATION, PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE PRESIDENCY. THUS THE GRADE RATING GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY IS NOT ALONE A MANAGEMENT DECISION BUT ONE OF SUBSTANCE.

3. THE OTHER RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE CND WHICH SOCIAL COMMITTEE WAS PRECLUDED FROM ACTING ON APRIL 18 CONCERNS PERIODICITY OF MEETINGS OF CND AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES. THIS RESOLUTION IS ALSO ONE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US. ALTHOUGH IT WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED UNTIL SUMMER ECOSOC, DELEGATION SHOULD LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE VERY MUCH FAVOR THE RESOLUTION AND THE PROVISION IT MAKES FOR MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS OF CND AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES WHILE CRISIS CONTINUES IN DRUG ABUSE FIELD. KISSINGER

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